कारण नहीं दिए जा सके । चूंकि, वैकल्पिक भूखंडों का आवंटन भूमि की उपलब्धता और उसके विकास पर निर्भर करता है, इसलिए निश्चत समय-सीमा देना संभव नहीं है ।

Agitation over Bauxite mining project at Paikmal in Orissa

1091 SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main reasons of agitation over Rs. 80 crore bauxite mining project of Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) at Paikmal in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to solve the agitation so that the local interest is safeguarded and at the same time the Project is implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) Since December, 1985 work on the Gandhamardan Bauxite Project of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has been held up because of agitation by the local people apprehending damage to the environment and ecology of the area due to mining activity. Following a request from the State Govt., an Expert Committee headed by Dr. B. D. Nagchaudhuri appointed to study in depth the impact of the proposed development of Gandhamardan Bauxite deposits in Orissa on ecology and environment, including, *inter alia*, the water falls, streams medicinal herbs, temples and the tribal population submitted its report. The Report submitted by the Expert Committee was examined by the Govt. of India and environmental clearance to the project has been accorded subject to the condition that no work on the project will commence till the revised Environment Management Plan (EMP) of the project is submitted to and approved by the Environmental Management Authority (EME) constituted for the project and E.M.P. has also been seen by the Minister of Environment and Forests and Minister of Steel and Mines. The E.M.A. has since been constituted by the Govt to consider the revised Environment Management Plan of the project. The E.M.A. has since met thrice on 17-11-87, 15-1-88 and 29-2-88 to consider the revised E.M.P. of the Gandhamardan Bauxite Project. The State Govt. has been requested to provide necessary protection to personnel of BALCO and those organisations engaged by BALCO for carrying out environment protection work in and around the Gandhamardan Bauxite Project area. The State Govt. are taking necessary steps in that direction.

The Govt. are keen to resume work on the Project with the cooperation of the State Govt. with a view to obviate further time over-run and cost over-run.

Development of fishery Resources

1092. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the development of fishery resources in some States;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for the development of fishery resources in Orissa; and

(c) what are the details of the development programme under implementation in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For development of fishery resources in Orissa the following schemes have been taken up for implementation:—

(i) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of development of aquaculture, Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAS) hav been set up in all the districts of the State for undertaking fish farming in tanks and ponds.

(ii) For production and distribution of quality fish seed, 5 commercial fish